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Common Council Advocates For and Creates Emergency Manager (Homeland Security Coordinator) Position as well as Fleet Manager position

Buffalo, NY - The Buffalo Common Council has approved the creation of an Emergency Manager position, responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness and response efforts. This position was created after careful consideration and advocacy by the Buffalo Common Council as a result of the City's response to the December 2022 Storm.

The Emergency Manager was advocated for by President Pro Tempore Christopher P. Scanlon and Fillmore District Council Member Mitch Nowakowski, and was agreed upon in a compromise between the Council and the Mayor's office.

"The need for an Emergency Coordination/Homeland Security position is critical to move forward after a series of emergencies, which include a pandemic, a mass shooting, a deadly blizzard and other emergencies," said Fillmore District Council Member Mitch Nowakowski. "I am proud of this Council for advocating for this position and want to thank the public for their input and advocacy."

"An Emergency Management Coordinator is essential during rapidly evolving emergency situations," said South District Council Member Christopher Scanlon. "In addition to coordinating response efforts to an unexpected crisis, this person will create mitigation plans, develop and administer training, and pursue funding. By establishing this position, we will be better prepared for any situation which may arise in the City of Buffalo."

the Common Council and Administration's agreement was a compromise which included the approval of a Fleet Manager position. This role will oversee the maintenance and readiness of the City's first responders and Public Works fleets, ensuring they are prepared for events such as the December 2022 storm. The addition of a Fleet Manager will enhance the City's ability to respond to emergencies and maintain its fleets and work in tandem with the Emergency Manager.



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The Emergency Manager (Homeland Security Coordinator) position's duties include, but are not limited to:

- Provide staff support to the Mayor to coordinate actual or potential emergency preparedness or response efforts
- Serve as the City liaison between law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, fire services, hazardous materials, public works, internal and external government
- Develop cost estimate and makes budget projections
- Prepare memos, City County reports, Damage Reports, and other administrative reports
- Advises departments on their emergency plans and coordinates interdepartmental activities

If you are to have any questions, please direct them to Mike Read, Communications Director with the Buffalo Common Council.

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